

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of claims:

Claims 1-16 (canceled)

17.(new) A method of assembling a wrist rest assembly which includes a pad assembly and a base, the method comprising:

forming an upper portion of the pad assembly, wherein the upper portion includes a non-liquid elastomeric polymer gel layer which is elongated longitudinally and has longitudinally extending side edges, laterally extending end edges, a top surface for supporting a user's wrist and a bottom surface, the gel layer extending between the longitudinal edges for a gel width, extending between the lateral edges for a gel length, and having a sufficient thickness between its top and bottom surfaces and a sufficient gel width to have a portion of the gel layer beneath and conforming to the user's wrist supported on the top surface thereof, and the gel layer affording motion of the top surface of the gel layer with the user's supported wrist relative to the bottom surface of the gel layer in a plane generally parallel to the bottom surface, wherein such motion allows the user's supported wrist to move in any direction in a generally circular area having a diameter of at least one-half inch;

forming a lower portion of the pad assembly, wherein the lower portion has a top surface and a bottom surface, the lower portion has a width and a length generally conforming with the gel width and gel length, respectively, and the lower portion has edge sections extending along the bottom surface thereof;

aligning the upper portion with the lower portion so that the top surface of the lower portion supports the bottom surface of the gel layer, and the edge sections of the lower portion extend laterally beyond the longitudinally extending side edges of the gel layer, wherein the bottom surface of the lower portion defines a bottom surface of the pad assembly;

forming a base which has a generally flat support surface and has longitudinally extending edge supports projecting upwardly therefrom to a common height; and

- 18.(new) The method of claim 17, and further comprising:
securing a flexible cover layer over the gel layer.
- 19.(new) The method of claim 18, and further comprising:
affixing the cover to the lower portion of the pad assembly.
- 20.(new) The method of claim 17, and further comprising:
forming the base to include a device support portion projecting therefrom; and
aligning an input device to be operated by a user's hands or fingers on the device support portion of the base.
- 21.(new) The method of claim 17, wherein the first forming step further comprises:
covering the gel layer with a tubular flexible layer having ends; and
sealing the ends of the tubular layer to retain the gel layer within the tubular layer
and provide a flexible barrier to the escape of liquids from within the gel layer.
- 22.(new) The method of claim 21, wherein the first forming step further comprises:
providing a soft conformable outer layer over the tubular layer.

- 23.(new) The method of claim 22, wherein the first forming step further comprises: tensioning the outer layer over the top surface of the upper portion of the pad assembly.
- 24.(new) The method of claim 17 wherein the second aligning step further comprises: longitudinally slidably connecting the lower portion of the pad assembly with the base.
- 25.(new) The method of claim 24 wherein the second aligning step further comprises: securing the lower portion from relative longitudinal movement with respect to the base.
- 26.(new) The method of claim 17 wherein the second aligning step further comprises: selecting one of a plurality of height alignment positions between the lower portion of the pad assembly and the base.